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SUBJECT: PROPOSED WREATHLAYING ON MAY 8

1. SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ INFORMED LIAISON OFFICERS APRIL 22 THAT GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ WOULD LIKE TO LAY WREATHS AT SEVEN LOCATIONS IN WEST BERLIN ON MAY 8 TO COMMEMORATE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WORLD WAR TWO, MONUMENT TO NAZI VICTIMS AT PLOETZENSEE; FRENCH MILITARY CEMETERY AT QUATIER NAPOLEON; BRITISH MILITARY CEMETERY ON HEERSTRASSE; U.S. HEADQUARTERS (BRONZE STATUE OF GI IN BUILDING 1); WAR VICTIM CEMETERY IN LICHTERFELDE (CONTAINS INTER ALIA GRAVES OF RUSSIANS, POLES AND OTHER EAST EUROPEANS); GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY IN TEMPELHOF; AND MEMORIAL TO NAZI VICTIMS IN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER.

2. HERZ SAID THAT SENAT ANTICIPATES THAT FOREGOING MAY BE DISCUSSED IN BONN GROUP AND HAS REQUESTED APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN BONN SUPPORT PROJECT. SCHUETZ HAS ASKED THAT EACH COMMANDANT BE PRESENT WHEN WREATH IS LAID AT HIS COUNTRY'S CEMETERY/MONUMENT. SIMILAR WREATHS WERE LAID ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1964, SEPTEMBER 1, 1968 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1969, WHEN COMMANDANTS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT. HERZ SAID HE COULD APPRECIATE CONCERN OVER PARTICIPATION IN THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS,

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PARTICULARLY WHERE SOVIETS WERE PRESENT, BUT SAID

WREATH-LAYING ON MAY 8 WAS NATURAL EVENT. FURTHERMORE, THERE
WOULD BE NO SOVIET PARTICIPATION AT ANY OF EVENTS,
EVEN AT CEMETERY CONTAINING RUSSIAN GRAVES.

3. WE WOULD BE INCLINEW#5_(C@ AD+.565M/%W6N

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